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SUBJ: BARBADOS: NEGOTIATIONS FOR EXTENSION OF THE NAVAL
FACILITY (NAVFAC) AGREEMENT

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1. I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO HAVE AN UNHURRIED CONVERSATION WITH
FOREIGN MINISTER FORDE WHO ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED FROM BELIZE
IN HIS OWN VERSION OF SHUTTLECOCK DIPLOMACY. AS REGARDS
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE NAVAL FACILITY FORDE SAYS BARBADOS
EXPECTS TO BE READY TO RESUME NEGOTIATION SOMETIME IN JUNE.
HE SAID THE SOLICITOR GENERAL WILL NOT BE BACK FROM THE LAW
OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN GENEVA UNTIL SOME TIME IN MAY AND
THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT OUTSTANDING LEGAL QUESTIONS TO BE
RESOLVED. FORDE AGREED IT IS UNDESIRABLE TO LEAVE
NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE LAST MINUTE. HE SAID, "WE WOULD LIKE
TO HAVE IT WRAPPED UP BY SEPTEMBER."

2. I SHALL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AT
APPROPRIATE INTERVALS.
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